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TEXAS
LABOR MARKET REVIEW

TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION | JUNE 1989 | AUSTIN, TX 78778

Unemployment Swings Downward

After rising between March and April, the actual Texas unemployment rate declined from 7.0 percent in April to 5.9 percent in mid-May. The number of jobless Texans dropped by more than 86,000 over the month, while total employment rose by over 75,000. Data from the Current Population Survey shows that there were an estimated 186,500 agricultural workers in Texas in May.

Although the May decline in unemployment was encouraging, the sharp fluctuations shown in the past three months indicate that one month's lower rate is not sufficient to indicate a notable change in the State's underlying economic condition.

The Texas seasonally adjusted unemployment rate also dropped between April and May, from 7.4 percent to 5.9 percent. Rates in both series were well below the year-ago estimates for Texas. The U. S. seasonally adjusted rate slid down from 5.3 percent to 5.2 percent in May, while the actual rate for the Nation inched downward from 5.1 percent to 5.0 percent over the month.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	May '89	Apr.'89	May '88
UNITED STATES (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	123,195.0	122,576.0	120,775.0
Unemployment	6,156.0	6,229.0	6,553.0
Percent Unemployed	5.0%	5.1%	5.4%
Total Employment	117,039.0	116,347.0	114,222.0
UNITED STATES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	123,610.0	123,659.0	121,203.0
Unemployment	6,395.0	6,546.0	6,800.0
Percent Unemployed	5.2%	5.3%	5.6%
Total Employment	117,215.0	117,113.0	114,403.0
STATE OF TEXAS (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	8,233.2	8,241.9	8,299.9
Unemployment	489.4	575.9	602.1
Percent Unemployed	5.9%	7.0%	7.3%
Total Employment	7,743.8	7,666.0	7,697.8
STATE OF TEXAS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	8,250.0	8,350.0	8,323.0
Unemployment	488.0	621.0	602.0
Percent Unemployed	5.9%	7.4%	7.2%
Total Employment	7,762.0	7,729.0	7,721.0

Nonfarm Jobs Rise Moderately

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment increased by 17,000 between April and May, totaling 6,771,700 at mid-May. The current estimate was up by over 122,000 from the May 1988 level. Most of the over-the-month gain was due to modest, but widespread, growth rather than any one large advance. The strongest increases in May occurred in Services and Trade.

Services generated 5,000 jobs in May, despite the loss of over 3,000 jobs in Educational Services, as the spring semester ended for private schools and colleges. Employment was boosted primarily by continued staffing for outdoor recreational activities and at amusement parks. Heavy storm damage to trees throughout Texas brought about increases among Landscape and Horticultural Services. Business and Repair Services also added a substantial number of workers, many of them part-time.

The bulk of the 4,900 additional jobs in **Trade** were added in Eating and Drinking Places, which gained 3,000 jobs. All other segments of Retail Trade recorded modest employment growth, except for Food Stores, which declined by 400. Wholesale Trade remained unchanged between April and May.

Seasonal influences pushed the number of **Construction** jobs up by 2,500 in May, but this industry was still over 17,000 below the year-ago level. The only improvement in **Finance, Insurance and Real Estate** was among Insurance Carriers, Agents and Brokers, which increased by 900 over the month.

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN			BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR		
	MAY '89*	APR.'89**	MAY '88**	MAY '89*	APR.'89**	MAY '88**	MAY '89*	APR.'89**	MAY '88**	MAY '89*	APR.'89**	MAY '88**
TOTAL	49,300	49,400	48,800	78,800	78,900	78,500	354,900	355,000	355,600	134,900	134,000	133,300
Manufacturing	5,000	4,900	4,800	9,000	9,100	10,000	41,100	40,900	40,500	25,600	25,400	25,800
Mining	1,900	1,900	2,100	1,400	1,300	1,300	700	700	700	1,900	1,900	1,800
Construction	2,000	1,900	1,900	3,800	3,700	3,800	13,100	13,000	14,300	8,900	8,800	8,400
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,300	2,300	2,400	5,500	5,500	5,600	10,400	10,400	10,600	9,600	9,700	9,400
Trade	13,500	13,600	13,400	22,300	22,500	22,300	75,600	75,700	77,100	32,900	32,400	32,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl Est.	2,500	2,500	2,400	4,100	4,100	4,400	23,900	23,900	24,500	5,100	5,100	5,300
Services & Misc.	13,000	13,300	13,100	17,100	17,000	16,700	86,500	86,200	84,500	30,300	30,100	29,700
Government	9,100	9,000	8,700	13,600	13,700	14,400	103,400	104,200	103,400	20,600	20,600	20,400

	BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI		
TOTAL	51,800	50,900	50,700	70,100	70,500	68,100	51,800	51,800	49,300	126,000	126,000	125,800
Manufacturing	16,000	15,800	15,400	10,100	10,100	9,900	3,500	3,300	3,300	11,500	11,600	11,400
Mining	1,900	1,900	2,200	–	–	–	600	600	600	4,300	4,400	4,000
Construction	7,900	7,600	6,400	2,200	2,200	2,000	1,900	2,000	1,800	8,900	8,400	8,300
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,700	2,600	2,700	3,000	3,000	3,100	1,500	1,500	1,600	6,300	6,400	6,500
Trade	11,200	11,100	10,900	16,400	16,400	17,800	10,700	10,800	10,800	30,700	31,200	31,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl Est.	1,900	1,900	2,000	3,600	3,600	3,700	1,700	1,700	1,800	7,000	6,900	7,000
Services & Misc.	8,600	8,500	8,100	15,800	16,200	14,800	9,300	9,600	8,900	29,000	29,200	29,300
Government	11,600	11,500	11,000	17,000	17,000	16,800	22,300	22,300	20,700	26,300	27,900	28,000

	DALLAS ***			EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	1,350.1	1,345.6	1,345.6	198,600	195,700	194,600	537,500	535,900	527,400	72,500	72,200	72,600
Manufacturing	221.5	221.5	223.4	40,000	39,800	40,600	121,100	120,900	119,500	8,500	8,500	8,100
Mining	17.4	17.4	18.7	–	–	–	4,000	4,100	3,700	500	500	600
Construction	50.7	50.0	57.0	8,600	8,700	9,000	22,500	22,600	22,900	4,900	4,900	4,400
Trans., Comm. & Util.	94.3	93.7	90.8	10,700	10,700	10,700	31,700	31,200	30,100	4,700	4,700	4,800
Trade	347.1	346.3	344.3	47,800	47,300	48,000	138,400	137,700	136,900	14,400	14,300	14,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl Est.	126.6	126.0	130.2	8,400	8,500	8,800	27,000	26,900	26,800	4,200	4,200	4,400
Services & Misc.	338.8	337.2	329.6	39,500	39,300	38,900	122,900	122,600	118,400	14,300	14,100	14,000
Government	153.7	153.5	151.6	41,600	41,400	40,600	69,900	69,900	69,100	21,000	21,000	21,900

	HOUSTON ***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL		
TOTAL	1,469.7	1,465.6	1,427.2	72,700	72,400	70,500	39,500	39,400	37,700	66,000	65,800	66,600
Manufacturing	157.4	157.3	153.8	8,600	8,500	7,900	1,900	1,800	1,700	15,600	15,500	16,100
Mining	66.5	66.3	65.3	100	100	100	1,900	1,900	1,900	3,500	3,500	3,800
Construction	86.9	86.1	86.7	3,700	3,700	3,400	1,200	1,200	1,200	2,900	2,900	3,500
Trans., Comm. & Util.	100.4	100.1	99.8	2,700	2,700	2,700	5,200	5,200	4,800	3,100	3,100	3,000
Trade	365.0	362.7	353.9	16,400	16,400	16,400	11,800	11,700	11,000	17,200	17,100	16,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl Est.	99.9	99.7	100.7	3,000	3,000	2,800	1,400	1,400	1,700	2,700	2,700	2,700
Services & Misc.	396.6	394.0	379.1	16,600	16,500	15,800	6,300	6,400	6,200	12,400	12,400	12,000
Government	198.0	197.4	187.9	21,600	21,500	21,400	9,800	9,800	9,200	8,600	8,600	8,600

	LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	94,900	94,700	93,400	98,200	98,800	93,500	44,100	44,200	44,600	42,400	42,500	43,200
Manufacturing	7,700	7,500	7,100	13,900	14,000	12,500	2,400	2,500	2,600	4,000	4,000	4,100
Mining	400	400	400	900	900	900	9,600	9,600	10,200	5,600	5,600	6,000
Construction	2,900	2,900	3,200	4,200	4,200	4,000	1,400	1,400	1,300	1,700	1,800	2,000
Trans., Comm. & Util.	4,800	4,900	4,700	3,200	3,100	2,900	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,100	2,100	2,100
Trade	27,900	27,800	26,100	30,100	30,900	29,100	9,900	9,800	9,800	12,600	12,600	12,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl Est.	5,600	5,600	5,400	3,700	3,700	3,700	2,200	2,200	2,300	1,700	1,700	1,700
Services & Misc.	23,700	23,600	22,800	16,300	16,300	15,400	9,700	9,800	9,600	7,200	7,200	7,000
Government	21,900	22,000	21,700	25,900	25,800	25,000	6,600	6,800	6,500	7,500	7,500	7,800

	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	36,600	36,600	36,500	513,900	510,600	500,900	37,200	37,200	38,200	45,700	45,400	44,700
Manufacturing	5,500	5,500	5,500	48,200	47,600	48,000	11,100	11,000	11,500	7,400	7,400	7,100
Mining	500	500	500	2,000	2,000	2,400	100	100	100	100	100	100
Construction	1,400	1,300	1,600	22,600	22,600	25,200	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,600	1,600	1,700
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,900	2,900	3,200	19,100	18,900	19,000	1,900	1,900	2,000	1,900	1,900	1,800
Trade	9,300	9,200	9,000	129,100	128,200	125,800	7,800	7,900	7,900	10,700	10,600	10,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl Est.	1,800	1,800	1,800	39,700	39,800	39,100	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,900	1,900	1,800
Services & Misc.	8,100	8,100	8,000	130,500	129,500	125,100	8,500	8,500	8,800	9,600	9,600	9,400
Government	7,300	7,300	6,900	122,700	122,000	118,300	4,400	4,400	4,500	12,500	12,300	12,300

	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO			WICHITA FALLS		
TOTAL	61,000	61,000	60,900	27,800	27,600	27,800	80,400	80,300	78,800	50,800	50,400	50,900
Manufacturing	10,700	10,700	10,500	3,100	3,000	3,100	15,300	15,000	14,600	8,200	8,000	8,200
Mining	1,900	1,900	2,000	1,300	1,300	1,700	100	100	100	1,800	1,800	2,100
Construction	2,000	2,000	2,100	1,400	1,500	1,800	3,500	3,500	3,500	2,000	2,100	2,100
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,500	2,500	2,600	1,400	1,400	1,400	3,400	3,400	3,300	2,500	2,500	2,600
Trade	16,100	16,000	16,100	7,600	7,600	7,500	18,900	18,800	18,600	12,100	12,100	11,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl Est.	3,300	3,400	3,400	1,600	1,600	1,600	4,800	4,800	5,000	2,300	2,300	2,300
Services & Misc.	14,900	14,900	14,700	6,100	6,200	6,000	21,500	21,700	21,000	11,900	11,800	11,900
Government	9,600	9,600	9,500	5,100	5,000	4,900	12,900	13,000	12,700	9,800	9,800	9,800

+ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
* Preliminary – subject to revision. ** Revised. *** In Thousands.

QC ANNUAL REPORT
CY 1988

State of Texas

Unemployment Insurance Quality Control
Annual Report for Calendar Year 1988

Total Dollars Paid in Population	$737,987,744	
Sample Size	1,296	
	Percentage of Dollars	95% Confidence Interval (+/-)
Proper Payments	87.9%	2.0%
Overpayments	12.1%	2.0%
	100.0%	
Underpayments	0.5%	0.2%

UI Quality Control Program

The Texas Employment Commission (TEC), in conjunction with the U. S. Department of Labor, has initiated a system for analyzing its Unemployment Insurance Quality Control (QC) Program.

The Unemployment Insurance Department of the Commission relies on information provided by employers and claimants as a basis for paying or denying benefits to unemployed persons. Obviously, the quality of decisions on these payments is directly related to the quality of information provided on such matters as job separations, refusal of work, work search efforts, etc.

Under the new QC System, a random sampling of claims is computer-generated weekly and each aspect of a claim selected is scrutinized thoroughly. The audit includes: (1) verification of a claimant's reason for being unemployed; (2) verification of employer's quarterly wages earned by the claimant; (3) weekly work search contacts made by the claimant; and (4) earnings reported by the claimant for the week of the claim.

QC investigators audited a random sample of 1,296 of the 4,887,832 total benefit payments made during Calendar Year 1988. Results of the review showed that during this period, 87.9% of the total benefits were correctly paid. Improper payments or overpayments accounted for 12.1% of total benefits paid. This improper payment figure is broken out by "error responsibility" as follows:

Claimant only error	9.6%
Agency only (TEC) error	1.2%
Employer only error	0.4%
Claimant and agency error	0.6%
Employer and agency error	0.1%
Claimant and employer error	0.1%
Claimant, employer & agency error	0.1%
	12.1%

Claimant errors included failure to correctly report earnings during a week in which benefits were received.

Employer errors were caused by their failure to report the correct amount of quarterly wages for former employees who later became active claimants and received unemployment benefits.

Agency errors were due to data entry or procedural errors made by employees of TEC.

In addition to the Quality Control Unit, the TEC also maintains a Benefit Payment Control (BPC) Unit to investigate and reclaim benefits paid to claimants under both fraudulent and unintentional error situations. The BPC Unit recovered $12,312,707 from claimants in 1988. This money was returned to the U. I. Trust Fund.

In July 1989, the U. S. Department of Labor will publish a digest of QC data for all states. The format to be used for the release of the Texas QC data is shown above.

For more information concerning this Program, contact Harold Bishop at (512) 463-2394.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +

	May '99*	Apr. '99**	May '98**	Chg. from Apr. '99	Chg. from May '98
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	6,771,700	6,754,700	6,649,500	17,000	122,200
MANUFACTURING	967,600	964,000	957,100	3,600	10,500
Durable Goods	558,000	555,800	555,000	2,200	3,000
Lumber & Wood Products	32,900	33,000	34,200	-100	-1,300
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,000	7,100	7,100	-100	-100
Furniture & Fixtures	15,900	15,900	16,000	0	-100
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	41,800	41,800	42,100	200	-300
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prod.	17,400	17,300	18,000	100	-600
Primary Metal Industries	28,800	28,400	28,800	200	0
Fabricated Metal Industries	78,200	77,800	75,300	600	2,900
Fabr. Structructural Metal Prod.	37,100	36,700	35,600	400	1,500
Machinery, exc. Electrical	106,900	106,300	106,100	600	800
Oil Field Machinery	24,700	24,800	25,900	-100	-1,200
Electric & Electronic Equipment	116,200	115,700	117,200	500	-1,000
Transportation Equipment	97,800	98,000	97,200	-200	600
Aircraft & Parts	56,200	56,200	55,250	0	1,000
Instruments & Related Prod.	24,900	24,700	24,100	200	800
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	14,800	14,800	14,200	200	600
Nondurable Goods	409,600	408,200	402,100	1,400	7,500
Food & Kindred Products	95,800	95,500	95,000	300	800
Meat Products	29,000	28,700	28,200	300	800
Dairy Products	4,500	4,500	4,600	0	-100
Bakery Products	9,600	9,500	9,800	100	-200
Malt Beverages	2,800	2,800	3,000	0	-200
Textile Mill Products	3,900	3,800	3,700	100	200
Apparel & Oth. Fin. Textile Prod.	58,900	58,500	57,000	400	1,900
Paper & Allied Products	25,400	25,100	24,200	300	1,200
Printing & Publishing	75,800	75,800	76,700	-200	900
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc.	35,700	35,700	36,400	0	-700
Chemicals & Allied Products	78,500	78,100	76,100	400	2,400
Petroleum & Coal Products	28,200	28,300	29,700	-100	-1,500
Petroleum Refining	25,300	25,200	26,500	100	-1,200
Leather & Leather Products	8,000	8,000	7,800	0	200
Other Nondurable Goods	35,300	35,100	33,900	200	1,400
TOTAL NONMANUFACTURING	5,804,100	5,790,700	5,692,400	13,400	111,700
Mining	175,800	176,700	185,200	-900	-9,400
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., exc. Fuel	8,900	8,900	9,900	0	-1,000
Oil & Gas Extraction	166,900	167,800	175,300	-900	-8,400
Construction	313,300	310,800	330,700	2,500	-17,400
Transportation & Public Utilities	398,300	397,500	388,200	800	10,100
Railroad Transportation	19,300	19,200	20,900	100	-1,600
Transportation, exc. Railroads	222,100	221,300	209,400	800	12,700
Transportation by Air	68,800	68,500	64,000	300	4,800
Communication, exc. U.S. Postal Service	80,900	80,900	82,000	0	-1,100
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	76,000	76,100	75,900	-100	100
Electric Services	40,900	41,000	41,100	-100	-200
Gas Production & Distribution	27,300	27,300	27,300	0	0
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,660,100	1,655,200	1,651,100	4,900	9,000
Wholesale Trade	416,200	416,200	410,200	0	6,000
Retail Trade	1,243,900	1,239,000	1,240,900	4,900	3,000
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	43,600	43,200	43,700	400	-100
General Merchandise Stores	170,100	169,200	162,800	900	7,300
Food Stores	215,200	215,600	221,300	-400	-6,100
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	134,300	134,000	136,700	300	-2,400
Apparel & Accessory Stores	83,600	83,400	83,100	200	500
Eating & Drinking Places	416,900	413,900	415,200	3,000	1,700
Other Retail Trade	180,200	179,700	178,100	500	2,100
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	440,300	439,400	439,400	900	900
Banking	97,100	96,700	94,200	400	2,900
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	144,100	143,200	140,500	900	3,600
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	199,100	199,500	204,700	-400	-5,600
Services	1,587,700	1,582,700	1,514,000	5,000	73,700
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	84,400	84,500	80,900	-100	3,500
Personal Services	87,000	87,700	86,500	-700	500
Business & Repair Services	446,900	444,200	423,600	2,700	23,300
Amusement, including Motion Pictures	60,200	58,500	57,900	1,700	2,300
Health Services	434,900	434,300	411,700	600	23,200
Educational Services	74,800	78,000	75,100	-3,200	-300
Other Services & Miscellaneous	399,500	396,500	378,300	4,000	21,200
Total Government	1,228,600	1,228,400	1,183,800	200	44,800
Federal Government	199,800	199,800	194,100	0	5,700
State Government	247,700	249,100	241,000	-1,400	6,700
Local Government	781,100	779,500	748,700	1,600	32,400

+ Number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	MAY '89*	APR.'89**	MAY '88**	MAY '89*	APR.'89**	MAY '88**	MAY '89*	APR.'89**	MAY '88**
		ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN	
Total Civilian Labor Force	53,100	53,600	53,300	96,700	97,000	99,700	420,000	420,600	430,600
Total Unemployment	3,100	3,700	3,800	4,700	5,700	5,800	21,100	23,700	26,500
Percent Unemployed	5.8%	6.9%	6.8%	4.9%	5.9%	5.8%	5.0%	5.6%	6.2%
Total Employment ++	50,000	49,900	49,700	92,000	91,300	93,900	398,900	396,900	404,100
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	161,300	161,700	163,200	83,900	83,400	82,100	98,400	99,300	97,500
Total Unemployment	13,800	15,600	16,900	5,300	5,900	6,800	10,300	11,800	12,700
Percent Unemployed	8.4%	9.6%	10.4%	6.3%	7.1%	8.3%	10.5%	11.9%	13.0%
Total Employment ++	147,700	146,100	146,300	78,600	77,500	75,300	88,100	87,500	84,800
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	60,500	60,300	58,300	157,500	158,200	161,900	1,432.5	1,430.8	1,459.2
Total Unemployment	2,500	2,700	2,600	12,100	14,100	16,100	68.5	80.0	84.4
Percent Unemployed	4.1%	4.5%	4.5%	7.7%	8.9%	9.9%	4.8%	5.6%	5.8%
Total Employment ++	58,000	57,600	55,700	145,400	144,100	145,800	1,364.0	1,350.8	1,374.8
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	238,400	239,100	240,600	682,800	683,000	686,500	105,100	105,600	109,800
Total Unemployment	21,500	24,700	24,600	33,700	39,400	43,600	7,300	7,900	9,800
Percent Unemployed	9.0%	10.3%	10.2%	4.9%	5.8%	6.3%	6.9%	7.5%	8.9%
Total Employment ++	216,900	214,400	216,000	649,100	643,800	644,900	98,800	97,700	100,000
	HOUSTON***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,623.3	1,622.9	1,610.7	95,400	95,600	94,000	47,600	49,000	46,700
Total Unemployment	85.9	100.0	113.5	6,300	7,800	7,200	4,900	6,700	5,900
Percent Unemployed	5.3%	6.2%	7.0%	6.6%	7.9%	7.7%	10.3%	13.7%	12.6%
Total Employment ++	1,537.4	1,522.9	1,497.2	89,100	88,000	86,800	42,700	42,300	40,800
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	78,000	78,800	79,400	113,200	112,800	113,900	154,100	156,700	151,500
Total Unemployment	6,100	7,400	6,800	4,800	5,600	6,200	20,300	26,500	22,600
Percent Unemployed	7.8%	9.4%	8.6%	4.2%	5.0%	5.4%	13.2%	16.7%	14.9%
Total Employment ++	71,900	71,400	72,600	108,400	107,200	107,700	133,800	132,200	128,900
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	48,600	48,300	49,500	51,300	51,700	53,600	45,000	44,600	45,300
Total Unemployment	2,800	2,900	3,000	3,900	4,400	4,000	2,400	2,500	2,700
Percent Unemployed	5.8%	6.0%	6.1%	7.6%	8.5%	7.5%	5.3%	5.6%	6.0%
Total Employment ++	45,800	45,400	46,500	47,400	47,300	49,600	42,600	42,100	42,600
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	607,000	605,100	609,300	47,100	47,400	49,600	57,600	57,500	57,500
Total Unemployment	39,500	44,600	48,700	2,400	3,100	3,100	4,100	4,700	5,000
Percent Unemployed	6.5%	7.4%	8.0%	5.1%	6.5%	6.3%	7.1%	8.2%	8.7%
Total Employment ++	567,500	560,500	560,600	44,700	44,300	46,500	53,500	52,800	52,500
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	74,300	74,600	75,000	35,600	35,600	36,300	91,900	92,000	92,500
Total Unemployment	4,700	5,200	5,600	2,000	2,300	2,600	4,600	5,200	6,600
Percent Unemployed	6.3%	7.0%	7.5%	5.6%	6.5%	7.2%	5.0%	5.7%	7.1%
Total Employment ++	69,600	69,400	69,400	33,600	33,300	33,700	87,300	86,800	85,900
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	56,600	56,300	57,700				8,233.2	8,241.9	8,299.9
Total Unemployment	3,200	3,300	3,600				469.4	575.9	602.1
Percent Unemployed	5.7%	5.9%	6.2%				5.9%	7.0%	7.3%
Total Employment ++	53,400	53,000	54,100				7,743.8	7,666.0	7,697.8

✚ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted). ++ Total employment includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
* Preliminary – subject to revision. ** Revised. *** In Thousands.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS ✦

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	May '89*	Apr.'89	May '88	May '89*	Apr.'89	May '88	May '89*	Apr.'89	May '88
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 422.84	$ 427.14	$ 410.69	41.7	42.0	41.4	$ 10.14	10.17	9.92
Durable Goods	420.42	425.54	413.42	42.0	42.3	42.1	10.01	10.06	9.82
Lumber & Wood Products	303.16	299.63	289.16	41.7	41.5	40.9	7.27	7.22	7.07
Furniture & Fixtures	251.41	259.24	253.11	38.5	39.7	39.0	6.53	6.53	6.49
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	404.12	404.37	398.54	42.9	42.7	42.9	9.42	9.47	9.29
Primary Metal Industries	464.10	465.04	446.24	42.0	42.2	41.9	11.05	11.02	10.65
Fabricated Metal Products	379.01	386.44	379.48	42.3	42.7	42.4	8.96	9.05	8.95
Machinery, exc. Electric	426.00	427.42	431.83	42.9	43.0	43.4	9.93	9.94	9.95
Oil Field Machinery	515.65	503.14	531.38	44.8	43.6	46.9	11.51	11.54	11.33
Electric & Electronic Equip.	444.17	446.71	433.01	40.9	41.4	41.2	10.86	10.79	10.51
Transportation Equipment	566.33	583.42	552.05	43.1	43.8	43.4	13.14	13.32	12.72
Instruments & Related Prod.	379.53	387.37	374.00	39.7	40.1	40.0	9.56	9.66	9.35
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	290.65	287.89	252.45	40.2	39.6	37.4	7.23	7.27	6.75
Nondurable Goods	426.42	428.48	408.03	41.4	41.6	40.6	10.30	10.30	10.05
Food & Kindred Products	346.93	343.10	337.00	41.4	40.7	40.7	8.38	8.43	8.28
Meat Products	265.97	255.91	250.04	41.3	39.8	39.5	6.44	6.43	6.33
Malt Beverages	842.39	872.13	807.00	44.5	45.4	45.8	18.93	19.21	17.62
Textile Mill Products	324.86	343.74	323.10	43.2	44.7	43.9	7.52	7.69	7.36
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	208.29	215.57	193.28	38.5	39.7	36.4	5.41	5.43	5.31
Paper & Allied Products	493.00	496.87	477.19	43.9	43.7	43.9	11.23	11.37	10.87
Printing & Publishing	405.99	404.88	384.68	39.0	39.5	38.7	10.41	10.25	9.94
Chemicals & Allied Products	700.92	700.38	655.61	44.0	44.3	42.6	15.93	15.81	15.39
Petroleum & Coal Products	691.33	724.56	653.54	43.7	45.2	42.3	15.82	16.03	15.45
Petroleum Refining	716.45	755.46	675.71	43.5	45.4	42.1	16.47	16.64	16.05
Leather & Leather Products	235.59	235.17	218.01	39.2	39.0	39.0	6.01	6.03	5.59
Other Nondurable Goods	391.19	385.78	400.40	42.8	42.3	44.0	9.14	9.12	9.10
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	501.50	532.36	488.22	38.4	40.3	39.5	13.06	13.21	12.36
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	568.14	555.24	562.27	44.7	45.4	46.7	12.71	12.23	12.04
Oil & Gas Extraction	495.73	529.87	482.82	37.9	39.9	39.0	13.08	13.28	12.38
Commun., exc. U.S. Postal Service	501.26	507.67	492.18	39.1	39.6	39.0	12.82	12.82	12.62
Elec., Gas & San. Services	502.52	508.82	464.31	39.6	41.3	38.5	12.69	12.32	12.06
Wholesale & Retail Trade	233.60	237.33	226.80	32.4	32.6	32.4	7.21	7.28	7.00
Wholesale Trade	407.79	416.56	388.61	39.4	39.9	38.9	10.35	10.44	9.99
Retail Trade	181.19	182.10	178.43	30.3	30.3	30.5	5.98	6.01	5.85
General Merchandise Stores	178.19	174.63	174.05	29.6	29.3	29.4	6.02	5.96	5.92
Banking	270.11	294.62	261.00	36.8	39.6	36.2	7.34	7.44	7.21

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 421.10	$ 420.16	$ 405.18	41.9	42.1	41.6	$ 10.05	$ 9.98	9.74
Durable Goods	447.96	445.20	419.57	42.3	42.4	41.5	10.59	10.50	10.11
Nondurable Goods	376.16	380.80	382.13	41.2	41.8	41.9	9.13	9.11	9.12
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	442.82	456.77	439.07	40.7	41.6	41.5	10.88	10.98	10.58
Durable Goods	466.07	486.99	461.84	41.1	42.2	42.1	11.34	11.54	10.97
Nondurable Goods	390.62	387.53	382.08	39.9	40.2	39.8	9.79	9.64	9.60
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	508.78	504.39	491.44	43.3	43.0	43.8	11.75	11.73	11.22
Durable Goods	419.68	423.26	424.53	43.4	43.5	44.5	9.67	9.73	9.54
Nondurable Goods	618.05	605.05	572.29	43.1	42.4	42.9	14.34	14.27	13.34
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	314.08	302.35	310.58	41.6	40.1	41.3	7.55	7.54	7.52
Durable Goods	347.73	325.44	338.65	41.2	39.4	41.4	8.44	8.26	8.18
Nondurable Goods	284.50	282.74	284.00	41.9	40.8	41.1	6.79	6.93	6.91

Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ✦ Preliminary — subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

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Vacationers and other travelers helped to boost employment in Transportation by Air and in Transportation Services. These gains added 800 jobs in **Transportation and Public Utilities** in May. Within **Government**, expansion in Local Government was offset by contractions within State Government due to public schools and colleges closing at semester's end. The result was a gain of only 200 jobs in Government between April and May.

Mining continued to show weakness, losing an additional 900 jobs over the month. This was the only downturn at the major industry level in May. Employment in Oil and Gas Extraction is currently at its lowest level in over a decade.

Manufacturing had its strongest month thus far in 1989, adding close to 4,000 positions in May. The **Durable Goods** sector generated about two-thirds of the increase, accelerating for the first time this year. The 2,000 jobs created in Durable Goods were scattered among several different industries, with no large upturn in any one segment.

Among the largest increases within Durable Goods were gains of 600 in Febricated Metal Industries and Nonelectrical Machinery, and 500 additions in Electric and Electronic Machinery. Moderate declines were reported in Transportation Equipment and in Lumber and Wood Products.

Nondurable Goods also had its strongest month so far this year, contributing 1,400 jobs in May. Here, too, the growth was due mostly to small, but numerous, advances. The largest gains were in Apparel and Other Finished Textile Products and in Chemicals and Allied Products, each of which increased by 400 jobs.

More modest upturns occurred in Food and Kindred Products and in Paper and Allied Products. The only Nondurable declines occurred in Printing and Publishing and in Petroleum and Coal Products.

Hours and Earnings Decline

There were an estimated 627,700 Texas Manufacturing Production Workers in May, up 2,900 from the April estimate and 11,000 above the May 1988 level. In mid-May 1989, the average worker was earning $10.14 an hour for a 41.7-hour work week, and averaging $422.84 in weekly earnings. Average Hourly Earnings slid downward by 3¢ over the past month, while Average Weekly Hours dropped by 0.3 hour. The effect of these combined declines was a loss of $4.30 in Average Weekly Earnings between April and May.

The decline in Average Weekly Earnings was widespread in May and was due to a shorter work week in many industries combined with less overtime worked at higher pay in other sectors. The drops in both hours worked and hourly earnings were slightly more pronounced in the Durable Goods sector than in Nondurable Goods.

Compared to May 1988, both hours and earnings had increased. Average Hourly Earnings rose by 22¢ over the year, while Average Weekly Hours were up 0.3 hour, pushing the Average Weekly Earnings total up by $12.15.

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	MAY '89	MAY '88
Total Population	16,891,000*	16,831,000*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.8	1.9
UI Covered Employers	312,341	314,277
Total Claims Actions	533,187	493,586
Total Initial Claims Actions	55,486	55,577
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	477,701	438,009
Total Placements	35,288	32,724
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$155.91	$143.95
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$61,371,518	$59,582,985

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